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Would YOU buy a second hand car off this man?

BARRY SHEPHERD runs a small second-hand car business on Cowhill Lane in ASHTON, called GBS 500. But some of his customers and suppliers are unhappy with the way he handles his affairs...

All firms are having cash-flow problems in the face of the slump. BARRY's firm is no exception. In fact, some of his suppliers and creditors have taken legal action through the County Court to get their money off GBS 500. The Court informed one that *GBS 500 possess no goods to cover costs of removal and sale!*

Despite this draw-back the firm is still trading, even though the business appears to possess nothing at all. Then there's the cars BARRY sells: he generously parts company with his motors on a Warranty. EYE knows of two customers who were most relieved when BARRY agreed to put a problem right when the cars they had bought from him were still under Warranty and needed attention. But before repairs had been started, one car was unfortunately vandalised and the other received the attention of joy-riders who dumped the by now battered vehicle on the other side of the Borough. GBS 500 do not seem to have a very secure site...

As is common with garage-owners, BARRY gets the Tax disc for you. But EYE knows of one instance where the Tax disc still had not been put in the car, two months after it was sold. It seems paper-work's not BARRY's strongpoint.□

SICK-MONEY!

Two weeks after the Conservative Govt. announced that N.H.S. work could be contracted out to the private sector MALCOLM KELSHAW A 40 yr. old Ashton MAGISTRATE opened up his own hospital in BURY.

MALCOLM and his wife SONYA paid over £65,000 for an old hotel last March but should soon claw their money back.

Bury Paper METRO NEWS estimates that their 10 bed hospital will make £3,000 a week on accomodation charges alone.

And it shouldn't be difficult for MALCOLM to find doctors and consultants to work for him.

In real life he is the £10,000 a year divisional nursing officer for SALFORD CORPORATION.□

Secret Report

A Confidential Report on the problems facing the Brushes housing estate, STALYBRIDGE, accuses 4 Council Departments of not pulling their weight.

EYE has received a copy of a Report on the Brushes, that has been prepared by Housing chiefs for the Council's Management Team to consider.

- Building Services, Engineers, Environmental Health and Wreckreation have reduced services to a "bare minimum" in order to"concentrate resources elsewhere, where more profitable returns can be achieved".
- "the estate has acquired a notoriety that is often associated with the worst slums of the large cities" 37.5% of re-lets are to homeless families who are only given one offer

None of this will be new to Brushes tenants, but there has been a genuine attempt to suggest ways out of the mess:

- No more homeless families unless they specifically ask to go there
  More staff time on the estate
- Pioneers - childless young couples, mature families - to be moved on to the estate. In return for being moved up the Housing Waiting list, they would be expected to make"considerable efforts".□

Isla and £

No wonder ISLA ST.CLAIR is smiling in this ADVERTISER photo taken at the opening of a new BRADFORD AND BINGLEY office on STAMFORD ST. ASHTON.

According to a friend of ours who rung up her agent, ISLA charges between £150 and £1,000 for appearing at such do's.□

SMILING ISLA ST. CLAIR met a namesake when she opened the new Bradford and Bingley Building Society Office in Market Place, Hyde on Saturday . . . for sitting on Isla's knee is three years-old Clair Topper from Hyde who went to the opening with mum Mrs. Chris Topper. (FF 422)

Shorts..

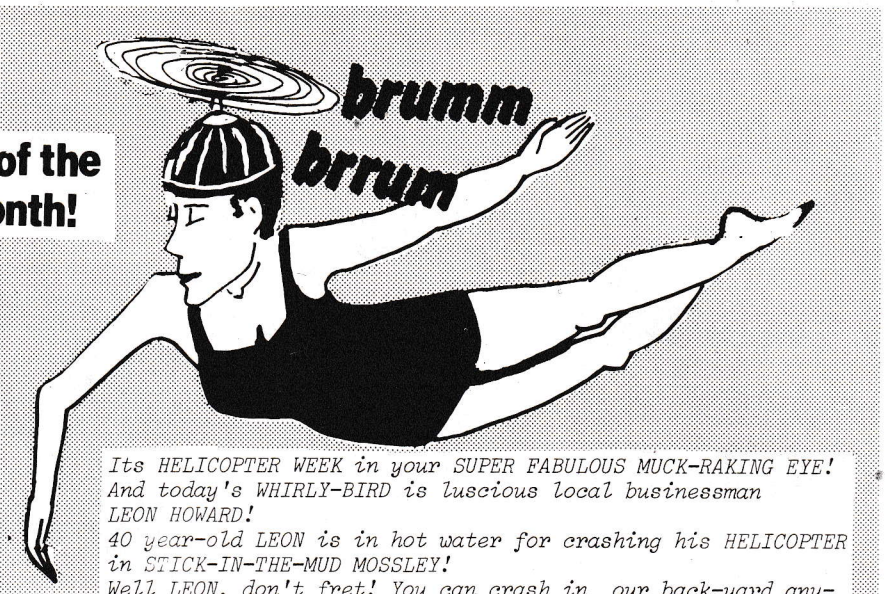
The Ministry of Defence intend using the WOODHEAD Railway Tunnel as a Top Brass Nuclear Shelter - according to WILF BIRT-WHISTLE, a leading National Union of Railwaymen member at GUIDEBRIDGE. WILF was addressing a public meeting against the closure of the Tunnel, when he made this point - which he claims is in fact Common Knowledge. What is certain is that one of British Rail's Divisional Managers from SHEFFIELD says that about £3,000 per year will be spent maintaining the Tunnel, after it has been closed, "in case of possible future use". Now, I wonder what that can be?□

Glad to see that ADVERTISER editor BRYAN CHADDERTON is cutting down on the number of times he refers to himself in his monthly COMMENT column. It fell from an egomaniac total of 9 in Sept. to a simply self-centred 5 in Oct. Can we now look forward to the time when BRYAN's conspicuous self fades away entirely from his column, like the grin on the Cheshire Cat?□

The Student Union at Tameside Tech. is a far cry from the long-haired revolting days of the 1960's. Perhaps one of the reasons for its apathy is its constitution. It was drawn up for them by JOHN KERSHAW, business studies lecturer, Tory GMC Councillor and ultra-right winger.□

To read the papers recently you could have been forgiven for thinking we are already at war with Russia. But the giant chemicals firm ICI - with factories in HYDE and MIDDLETON - have just signed a huge million-pound deal with none other than the Soviet Deputy Foreign Trade Minister. In the past ICI expertise has been used to build 6 factories in USSR, and this deal will lead to more ICI exports there.□

Pet of the month!



Its HELICOPTER WEEK in your SUPER FABULOUS MUCK-RAKING EYE! And today's WHIRLY-BIRD is luscious local businessman LEON HOWARD!
40 year-old LEON is in hot water for crashing his HELICOPTER in STICK-IN-THE-MUD MOSSLEY!
Well LEON, don't fret! You can crash in our back-yard anytime you want! We think you're a crash-hit!
WANT TO INSPECT LEGGY LEON'S DOINGS MORE CLOSELY? TURN NOW TO OUR SEXSATIONAL PAGE FIVE.....

GLITTERING PRIZES!

DUTTON-FORSHAW (NORTH WEST) LIMITED
GO BRITISH, GET LUCKY
THIS IS A MONEY OFF VOUCHER
£2 OFF YOUR NEXT PURCHASE
(SUBJECT TO RULES BELOW)
in the WHITBREAD METRO PROMOTION
AND
go forward to
A GRAND WEEKLY DRAW FOR A GREAT AUSTIN METRO
"THE BRITISH CAR TO BEAT THE WORLD"

Down at the GRIFFIN Pub in BROADBOTTOM the regulars joined in the "*GO BRITISH, GET LUCKY*" Competition with great gusto. But when the prizes came in, they felt they had been tricked... In a blaze of publicity, this joint 'competition' of the brewery WHITBREAD and the car sales firm DUTTON-FORSHAW took off. Posters and leaflets all over the place, results to be announced on the radio. The only prize of any cash value worth the name was a Mini Metro - one to be won each week. All the other prizes were money-off vouchers - which had to be spent in a DUTTON-FORSHAW garage. *The nearest to the GRIFFIN turned out to be in CHORLEY!*
And then people began to look in the Small Print on the vouchers: "Minimum Purchase £8". With most of the vouchers only worth £2 in the first place!
The Posters were printed by the NUFFIELD PRESS - the same LORD NUFFIELD who set up the COWLEY Car Plant in Oxford, now part of the BL empire that makes the Metro.
The final insult: PERCY got a £50 voucher...but since his stroke, he walks with a stick, so its doubtful it will ever be cashed□

Got a story to tell? Tell it to EYE! The paper that LISTENS! TEL:455 3724 or 366 0382 after 6pm.

Tap

NEXT TIME YOU USE ONE OF THE MANY TELEPHONES THAT TAMESIDE PAY THE BILL FOR, BE CAREFUL: THE DREADED INTERNAL AUDIT MAY BE LISTENING IN....

PHIL MORTELL, Youth and Community worker based in BROADOAK in ASHTON, got a big shock the other day. He was interrogated by the Council's own version of the Gestapo. They are politely known as 'Internal Audit'. One person asks the questions, whilst another sits quietly taking down whatever you say.
It appears they were looking into the size of PHIL's phone bill. They told him about calls that had been made, *and they knew when they were made and where to.* PHIL, who sees himself more as a Youth Worker than a telephonist-cum-policeman, was amazed. As we go to Press, EYE does not know if Audit intend doing anything with their information. But this sort of action is hardly likely to help Youth Workers in the Borough, who often get confidential calls from the young people who trust them.□

BERWIN RUBBER

Workers at the BERWIN RUBBER CO. ON BRIDGE ST. AUDENSHAW might like to know how their boss ROBERT SWINDELLS J.P. got the money to pay for his 4.2 Daimler and his desirable residence MINORCA HOUSE in HOLLINGWORTH.

ROBERT (Who is a Grand Officer in the local freemasons) owns 13,000 shares in BERWIN.
In 1978 he paid himself and his fellow shareholders a dividend of £1 a share. This gave BOB himself a little work-free windfall of £13,000 to add to his Chairmans salary of £17,598.
ANNETTE SWINDELLS (who,we presume is BOB's wife since they share the same address) is also a director. Her 6,500 "B" shares in BERWIN earned her £6,500 smackeroos that year. Added to this was her share in the £64,709 paid out in fees etc to BERWINS Directors board. Out of a £191,000 trading profit produced by their workforce of fewer than 50 men and women in 1978 BERWINS directors paid out more than £84,000 to themselves in the form of dividends, directors salaries, fees and pension contributions.
Other partakers in this money feast were BERWIN Directors RUTH BAMFORTH of HARMOL GROVE ASHTON and WALLACE LOCKETT of CRIBFOLD, DOBCROSS.
And two people who did absolutely nothing at BERWIN got a handout. They were BERWIN shareholders PETER ASHWORTH COOKE and BEVAN WINSTON BROADBENT. Solicitor Cooke and Accountant Broadbent appear to have split between them a total BERWIN dividend of £6,780 in 1978.

The address that BEVAN WINSTON BROADBENT gives in the BERWIN accounts is 113 Old St. Ashton which is the office of E. BROADBENT FISH AND CO. LTD. who audited the BERWIN accounts in 1978.

KENYONS

In his time SIR GEORGE KENYON of LIMEFIELD HOUSE HYDE has had his fingers in more pies than a quality controller at HOLLANDS. Chairman of the STH. TAMESIDE MAGISTRATES, ROTARIAN, DEPUTY LIEUTENANT OF CHESHIRE, HIGH SHERRIF OF CHESHIRE, CHAIRMAN OF TOOTALS, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL BANKING GROUP and so on (see EYE 6 for full Curriculum Vitae).
But it all started in DUKINFIELD where Sir GEORGE's family firm have been making money out of rope since 1902 and before. Nowadays WILLIAM KENYONS AND SONS LTD have branches in FRANCE, ITALY, USA, CANADA and ZAMBIA as well as six companies in Britain.

The KENYON empire made a trading profit of £688,731 in 1978 and the KENYON family - fathers, sons, daughters, sisters and aunties shared handsomely in that profit.

SIR GEORGE paid himself £14,064 for being CHAIRMAN and his son CHRISTOPHER of WESTON LODGE, ALDERLEY EDGE, £18,182 for being MANAGING DIRECTOR.Then there were the dividends.
SIR GEORGE got 4.8p on every one of the 132,485 shares he owned which added up to £6,359. CHRIS with fewer shares got £4,800.Taking salary and dividends together both Chairman and Managing Director topped the £20,000 mark that year. And SIR GEORGE of course would have had additional money from his other interests. Then there were at least five other members of the family who made money out of the firm without appearing to do anything for it, except pick up the cheque when it popped through the door.
These were shareholders FRANK and ELSIE KENYON of KENT who got £3,586

FRANK EDWIN KENYON of OXFORD who pocketed £4,547, AUDREY KENYON of BATH (£4,820) and finally SIR GEORGE's wife LADY CHRISTINE who got £2,040. The following year the workers of CHAPELFIELD MILL went on strike over bonuses. At the time they were getting around £4,000 a year each for actually doing the work.

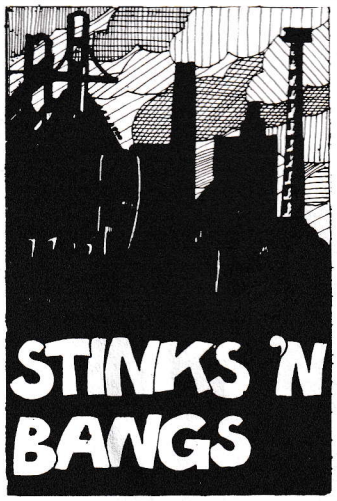
Find out your firms PROFITS

EYE is offering its Readers a new Service. We will research your Company's profits and other background information. FOR MORE DETAILS ring 455.3724 or 366.0382 or write to us straightaway.

You see the above Ad? Well, EYE has already been able to supply background facts and figures for workers on the firms where they work. One of the ways we do this is by getting copies of the Company's official records from Companies House in London. Each set of facts is called a 'fiche': *at present it costs us 5pence per fiche, but on December 19th this goes up to a staggering £1.00 a time!*
This is yet another e.g. of how the Tory Cuts are affecting us: this time with the sinister implication of preventing easy access to what is after all quite public information, by making the cost prohibitive. By way of example, the DEREK HARTLE STORY would have cost over £50 alone! And in one year we have worked out it would cost us more than £1,000 to get the same number of fiches as we have in the past: *CASH WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE!*

And to make things worse the Tories are now putting Legislation before the present session of Parliament that will, amongst other things,

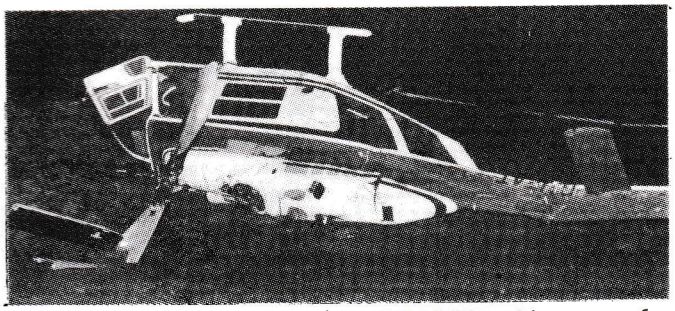
* Make it harder for Trade Unionists and Community Groups to trace the financial state of their Co.
* Considerably reduce the amount of information Cos. would have to give.



Over 37 companies,clubs, and organisations have been making unauthorised Stinks Bangs and Nuisances all over Tameside's green and pleasant land this month. First some anti-social newcomers to this column: TOPMIX LTD. OF WINDMILL LANE, HYDE have been blowing sand on all and sundry; then SUSCA'S ICE CREAM LTD. on PINE STREET, HYDE have been noisy and have burnt smelly refuse; last - but not least - BOOTH'S PIG FARM, MOTTRAM have been emitting "offensive smells". Then of course there are the regulars:
You'd have had to have your nose amputated not to have been aware that the atrociously smelly SMITH BROS. are still spreading their wretched KINGSTON STINK everywhere. And CHEMSTAR of CARRBROOK are still untidy and smelly, despite the embarrassment of the Company's self-styled socialist Boss GEORGE BINGHAM. SENIOR SERVICE are in again for the third month running with a phenomenon that the Council Minutes describe with endearing simplicity as "a smell". MANRO PRODUCTS have been keeping their heads down since they got fined for leaking all sorts of lethal stuff into the Tame, but they're BACK! This month they made 'an acid emission' that got itself reported to the ALKALI INSPECTOR.

LEON'S CHOPPER

MOST PEOPLE CAN'T AFFORD A HELICOPTER LET ALONE TO CRASH IT. LEON HOWARD, A MOSSLEY BUSINESSMAN, HAS DONE BOTH IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS...



ABOVE: LEON HOWARD
LEFT: THE CRASHED 'COPTER

THE CRASH

At 4.09 p.m. on January 10th 1980, LEON HOWARD was at the controls of his Bell Jet Ranger helicopter - registration G.HEAT - swooping down towards his MOSSLEY factory: WARMCO. Sat with him were two visiting American businessmen along with his good friend MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM, and MICHAEL's brother WILLIAM. By 4.11 p.m. the helicopter lay on its broken back and emergency services were screaming to the crash: LEON had swooped too low this time. He emerged with minor injuries, but his friend MICHAEL had a broken shoulder and face cuts. It was a miracle no-one was killed.

A chunk of the chopper's blade flew off and gouged a hole in the canal towpath that runs alongside the landing pad. This time it did not scythe through a child on the way home from school: the towpath forms the main pedestrian route through the Tame Valley Reclamation Area. All this was the last straw for local residents - many of whom live overlooking the factory - and confirmed their worst fears.

FAST CARS

LEON HOWARD likes to travel fast and in style. The pranged G.HEAT has already been replaced by another Jet Ranger at a cost of £150,000 - registered G.WARM. On the ground LEON can be seen behind the wheel of his blue Rolls Royce Camargue, NXG 1, which cost a cool £75,000 new. His mate MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM, Director of the profitable local engineering group HYDE INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LTD., is not to be outdone. He also whisks his Jet Ranger in and out of WARMCO - called G.HYDE - and drives a big Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. Now Tameside Planning Committee have put their foot down, MICHAEL will not be allowed to use the Mossley pad any more.

When WARMCO moved into their new factory in Manchester Rd. Mossley, they got permission for a helipad and "hangarage" for the firm's machine. But local residents got more and more angry as they saw low swoops down the valley, late-night flying, and the pad being used by G.HYDE and other visitors.

HELICO

Then 12 months ago, LEON HOWARD formed a new firm, HELICO LTD. - to carry both goods and passengers in helicopters! His co-Directors were GRENVILLE HUTCHINSON, ALISON HOWARD, and JOHN SEVILLE. In went a Planning request for more Hangarage, Maintenance and Sales of choppers at WARMCO: The crash and local opposition on safety and noise grounds lead to a flat refusal by the Council.

But the HELICO Directors were impatient to get underway. In the March '80 edition of POOLEY'S FLIGHT GUIDE, which is compiled with the help of the CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA), there was an entry for HELICO LTD.! It claimed that hangarage, helipad and Jet A1 fuel were on tap for passing choppers. Then, JOHN SAVILLE, the firm's Managing Director, put himself in the firing line: he placed an advert for flying lessons in a newspaper! He told angry residents that lessons would be at official airfields, not in Mossley. In which case what did HELICO need with an AIR OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATE from the CAA?

THREATS

By the time the saga came up again at December's Planning meeting, Councillors were growing weary of the topic. The Press and public were forced to leave the Chamber, whilst a "confidential" letter from LEON HOWARD was read. This only annoyed Cllrs. even further; sources suggest it threatened compensation claims would follow a Council ban on flying. An Enforcement Order was slapped down:

* No more night flights
* WARMCO Choppers only
* No fancy swoops down the valley.

And the legal advisers are confident that at worst a compensation claim would only reach into a four-figure sum.

MPs & R.A.F.

But this is not the end of the tale: it could well become a matter of National concern. RICHARD WAINWRIGHT - a North West Liberal MP - is worried about the very low-level practice flights by RAF (and some say USAF) planes over SADDLEWORTH. It so happens that MICHAEL WINTERBOTTOM lives in DELPH and the Mossley choppers are frequently seen going in that direction, raising the possibility of a crash that would put January's incident in the shade. BOB SHELDON, Ashton's MP, wrote to the CAA about it: they told him "they were unaware of the helicopter site in Mossley" ! But the fact is that the CAA have been involved all along!

WHO OWNS WARMCO?

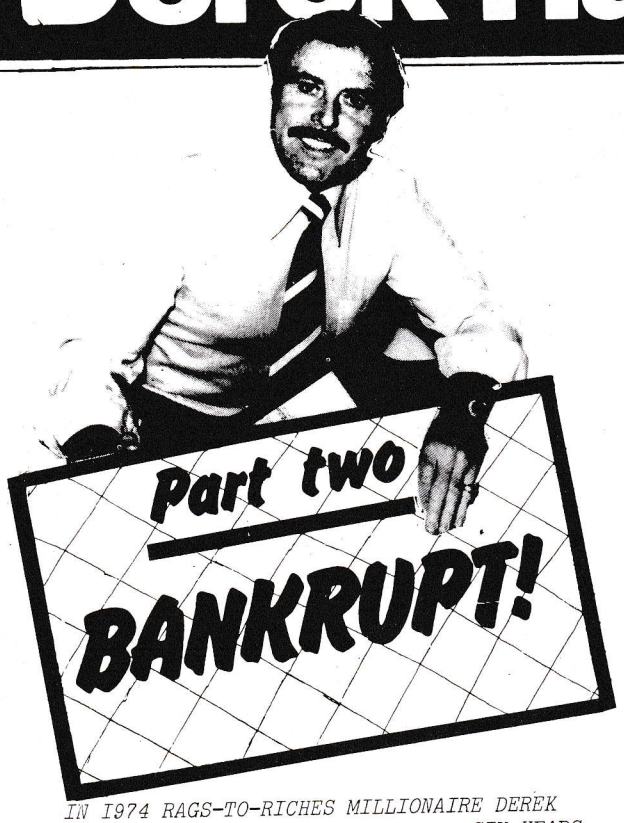
WARMCO(MANCHESTER) LTD is owned by HARRY TAYLOR of ASHTON LTD which is the main company in HARRY TAYLOR'S successful central heating and ventilation engineering empire. (The directors are HARRY TAYLOR, the three HOWARD brothers: HARRY, LEON and DAVID who are all sons of HARRY TAYLOR's sister. The other directors are MONICA TAYLOR and MARION HOWARD. By March 1979, the latest accounts available, they were all paying each other a total of £49,440 - with Chairman HARRY TAYLOR on £12,000 An interesting qualificationto the accounts has been put in by their auditors, CONNELLY & CO (who have their offices in Cavendish house, Ashton itself owned by property dealer PHILIP DAWSON.)

"The group did not undertake a physical inventory of its stock at the year end,"

so the auditors,

"were unable to undertake a complete audit of the amount (of) stock" due to substancial trading activities with its subsidiary firm, Kent based HARRY TAYLOR INTERNATIONAL LTD. Turnover was £2,368,000 with a profit of £86,871. And in case you were wondering where the choppers come from: WARMCO'S first small 'copter, the two seater - G.BBHD - was bought on a morgage from JULIAN S. HODGE & CO of CARDIFF - SIR JULIAN HODGE being an old friend of ex-labour leader JIM CALLAGAN.

THE Derek Hartle Story



IN 1974 RAGS-TO-RICHES MILLIONAIRE DEREK HARTLE WAS ON TOP OF THE WORLD . SIX YEARS LATER HIS MULTI-MILLION POUND BUSINESS EMPIRE WAS IN RUINS, AND HIS CHILDHOOD DREAM OF OWNING MOTTRAM OLD HALL HAD TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE CONTROVERSY.....

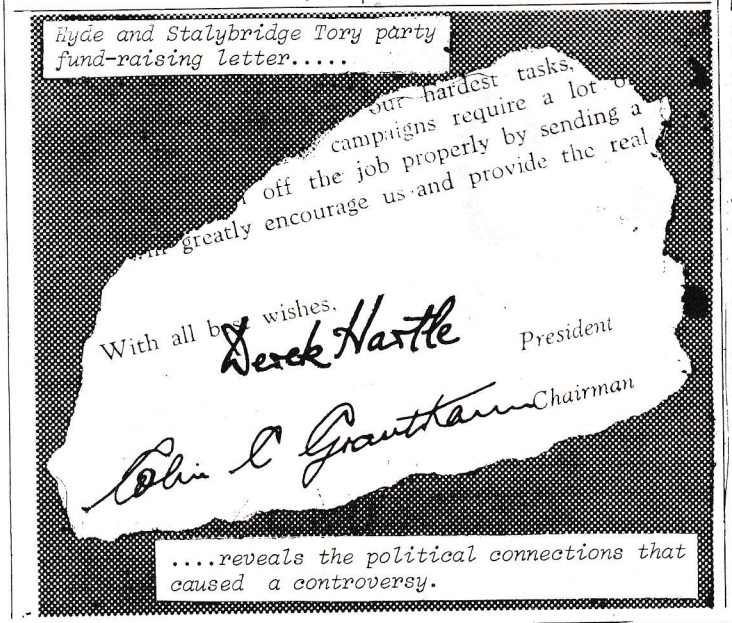
Throughout the 1960's other machine tool firms went bust whilst HARTLE flourished. But from 1974 onwards HARTLE too began to feel the pinch.
World recession hit his profits. In 1974 his main company HARTLE MACHINERY INTERNATIONAL made £407,000 before tax. By 1977 that had fallen to £187,000.
Characteristically, HARTLE organised a massive merger. His main firm HARTLE MACHINERY INTERNATIONAL bought the shares of his property and investment group DEREK HARTLE LTD. for £1.5m. The biggest shareholder of DEREK HARTLE LTD was, of course, DEREK HARTLE.
But as his business empire tottered HARTLE's lifelong dream came true.

In October 1977 he bought MOTTRAM OLD HALL from TAMESIDE'S then Tory council for £31.000 at a public auction.

There was uproar.

- HARTLES close business, political and social connections with the ruling Tory group were well known.
  COLIN GRANTHAM for example had been chairman of the Stalybridge and Hyde CONSERVATIVE ASSOC. when HARTLE had been president (see inset)
- Only a year before the sale Govt. permission was giver to turn the Hall into a home for maladjusted children.
- £20,000 of public money had been spent surveying and repairing the hall.
- The decision to sell had been sudden. Normal procedures apparently short-circuited.
  The sale proposal had been a last minute addition by COLIN GRANTHAM to an education committee meeting some months earlier.
  And, according to LABOUR councillors, no attempt had been made to offer the Hall to other committees.

At the time Cllr. JACK THORNLEY said he was collecting a dossier on the affair which could eventually be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions.
It never was.
And no proof has ever been found to substantiate the innuendos made at the time.
So the controversy died down.
Until it was revealed, two years later, that HARTLE was to get a TAMESIDE improvement grant to do up the old hall.
The sum was small and HARTLE was well within his rights to claim it. But, as one councillor said, it was a bit like giving a can of oil to an arabian shiek.
But by this time controversy about MOTTRAM HALL was the least of HARTLES troubles.


Hyde and Stalybridge Tory party fund-raising letter.....

...our hardest tasks.
...campaigns require a lot of
...off the job properly by sending a
...greatly encourage us and provide the real

With all best wishes.
Derek Hartle President
Colin C Grantham Chairman

....reveals the political connections that caused a controversy.

1979

At 10 am on 23rd Feb stock exchange trading in HARTLE shares was suspended. A month later the whole of the HARTLE empire was put in the hands of the receiver.
DEREK HARTLE had gone bust.
And the list of HARTLE shareholders who lost money and a steady unearned income reads like a WHO'S WHO of the TAMESIDE old-boy's network.
Here are a few of the more interesting names..

MARY DAWSON, mother of HARTLE's friend and business partner PHILIP DAWSON the big-time Tameside estate agent; DAN HALL ex boss of Ashtons HALL AND KAY LTD, KLIMATANK LTD of DUKINFIELD and a man who, like HARTLE, made pots of money out of the MOTTRAM RD. Property boom; KENNETH PICKUP, the powerful clerk to the court at the south Tameside Magistrates Court where HARTLE had been a magistrate since 1976; NORMAN POTTS the Stalybridge accountant who had been HARTLE'S first business partner back in 1956, and whose firm had audited the books for several of HARTLEs companies in the early seventies; MICHAEL JOHN WOOD who has been company secretary of several of HARTLEs smaller enterprises, is secretary of the ASHTON STAMFORD BUILDING SOC. and a shareholder (with several of HARTLEs children) of

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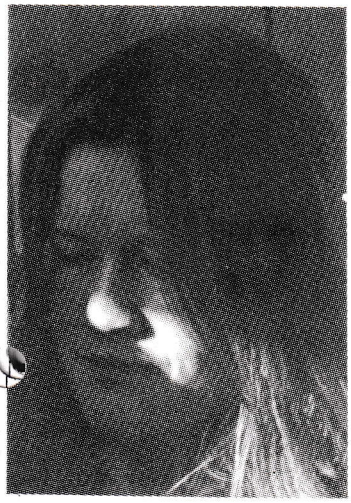
DRUG SCANDAL...

WHY WOMEN ARE WORRIED ABOUT HAVING BABIES AT TAMESIDE HOSPITAL



SHEILA PAPE, OF GLOSSOP, WAS GIVEN A DANGEROUS CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION BY TAMESIDE HOSPITAL DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE IS ROMAN CATHOLIC AND DID NOT WANT THE DRUG.
SHEILA AND MANY OTHER TAMESIDE WOMEN HAVE SUFFERED HORRIBLE SIDE EFFECTS AS A RESULT OF THIS DRUG, SIDE EFFECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RESEARCHED AND RECORDED, YET WHICH TAMESIDE CHOSE NOT TO WARN THE WOMEN ABOUT.

Sheila was ready to leave hospital after the birth of her second baby on Dec. 10th last year when she was told she must have two injections before leaving. The first was for German Measles, the second was DEPO PROVERA (D.P.), a long lasting contraceptive drug,banned in the USA. Sheila told the doctor she was a Catholic and objected to contraceptives. The doctor said it had nothing to do with religion, that it was a medical matter and implied that Sheila had to have the injection.
She was upset and wanted to go home. The doctor said she could go home after the injection.
Sheila was in an emotional state and finally agreed. She was given no information about the drug, except that it could cause irregular menstrual bleeding.

So she was ill-prepared for the way the drug affected her:
"I didn't menstruate for five months and felt ill. When I started to bleed I didn't stop, I bled for 14 solid weeks."
After 8 weeks Sheila consulted her GP, Dr.Parikh. She was wondering whether the injection the hospital had given her seven months ago had anything to do with this.
This was the first Dr.Parikh had heard of it and he was very concerned. Tameside Hospital had not recorded injecting Sheila with Depo Provera on her medical card. It was an appalling lapse on the hospital's part.

Sheila became weak and depressed. "I went through a really bad stage when I just didn't want to live any more. I realise now I needn't have had it - if I'd known I would have said no." Only now, 11 months after the injection is Sheila beginning to feel her old self again.

She sent her story to the Glossop Chronicle who told her that it was not 'suitable' for Glossop women, and passed it on to the Ashton Reporter. They haven't printed it either - obviously considering the latest fashions in bridesmaids dresses to be more inportant than information about local mothers' and babies' health.

Since pressurising Sheila and many other women to accept the drug, Tameside Hospital have now stopped using it. They continue to give the rubella injection, but simply warn women not to get pregnant after having it. Are they admitting that it was a mistake to ever use it at all ?

Leaving aside the arguements against Depo Provera (see inset) the hospital's cavalier attitude to women is surely deep cause for concern; women were not informed about the drug's well known side effects and were therefore not in a position to choose to refuse it. Injections were not recorded on medical cards and use of D.P. was insisted upon "on medical grounds" riding roughshod over patients' religious scruples. This general attitude towards pregnant women is backed up by many other women who have spoken to EYE.

Ann Reynolds, a teacher from Mossley, whose baby was born in February this year was given D.P. without even being told what the drug was called.
She had heard of D.P. and would have refused it if she had known what it was. No one explained ANY side effects to her.
"The doctor who gave it to me thought it had been explained at ante natal, and ante natal thought the doctor was going to explain it. I was simply told it was a contraceptive injection that works for three months. I bitterly regret having had it"
Two weeks after the injection Ann developed an ovarian cyst, her G.P. blamed it on D.P.

A meeting of Manchester area GP's was held just before Tameside Hospital stopped using the drug. They complained about the hospital not recording Depo Provera on medical cards. Is this one of the reasons why the hospital has stopped using the drug? They can't have stopped because they were bothered about the side effects, because they knew about those before. Perhaps this little national news item influenced their decision:
"A woman has been given £3,750 by Kings College Hospital and three area health authorities after being given Depo Provera without warnings about its possible side effects". □

(If you have had a baby in Tameside Hospital, please write and tell us what you thought of the service.
TAMESIDE EYE PO BOX 30, HYDE, CHES SK14 3JL.)

WHAT THE HOSPITAL KNEW

This information was publically available when TAMESIDE HOSPITAL was injecting women with Depo Provera, and they chose not to inform the women;
Depo Provera is banned in the U.S. and Britain, for use as a long term contraceptive, although it is very kindly distributed en masse to third world women by the INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION. Research on animals has indicated that it may cause cancer of the uterus and the breast, and could harm breast feeding babies. A survey conducted by the CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEPO PROVERA amongst women who had been injected with it shows that apart from causing menstrual chaos, 40% of the women put on weight, 50% suffered depression, 20% became unable to breast feed, and 15% suffered loss of sex drive. The drug has been used experimentally in American prisons to lessen the sex drive of male sexual offenders.

POLITICS

IN COUNCIL

OUR MAN IN ASHTON TOWN HALL GIVES HIS REPORT ON THE LATEST FULL TAMESIDE COUNCIL FIASCO

I suppose it was inevitable that last Tuesdays full council was dominated by issues of public expenditure cuts and unemployment. Constantly the minute number of Tory councillors were reminded that it was THEIR party who were imposing the sevever financial restrictions which were having such a detremental effect on services to the public.

Councillors GRANTHAM and BELL put on a fairly good show throughout the evening session which turned out to be quite fiery.
I was interested to hear CLLR. GRANTHAMs implied suggestion, during a debate on lack of accomodation for the elderly, that they should be 'disposed' of in some way? I wonder if he has mentioned this to the ageing population of his Hyde constituency ?

Another example of CLLR. GRANTHAMs insight and vision came during a discussion on the disposal of rubbish.
"Solid fuel fires for every household" was COLINs answer to the 'cleaning up' of our environment. "We never had this problem before the smokeless zone business" he said.

I was surprised at ROY OLDHAMs readiness to ridicule members of his own party during this debate. Two Councillors who had already spoken on matters of ecology and conservancy were put in their places by ROY, who obviously did not want to be bothered about such esoteric issues.

The people of Millbrook will not be pleased to hear that Brushes Valley may yet be used as a tip. Why? Not for its suitability in environmental terms. It's the cheapest. were in power in Tameside luxuries like school meals would be done away with altogether!

The first major flare-up came during a proposal by JOHN BELL that the price of school meals should be raised in line with inflation. This brought a wild outburst from many Labourites, so much so that JOHN had to resume his seat until the uproar had died down. When pressed as to how much these meals should be JOHN admitted he thought they should be at least 42p. Besides it is the responsibility of parents to feed their own children JOHN argued.

Not to be done down, JOHN continued his routine with a few jokes about the cost of sun-beds in Tameside Recreation Centres being reduced from £1.50 to £1 per session. "Rate payers are going to get browned off" he said. Laughter, applause.
He also wanted to know why it was that the entrance fee to Tameside discos was being reduced from 50p to 40p, when at the moment they only break even. "Its alright when FREDDY LAKER adopts the same principle for air fares" a Labour member retorted "but not when it comes to our operations". One further question came from CLLR. SWIFFIN as to the cost of block bookings for the sunbeds. Laughter.

During discussion of housing improvements a Droylsden Councillor made the understandable error of saying he was glad to see that the properties were to be brought up to 19th century standards. Realising his error he rectified his statement to say 21st century standards. Judging by the state of some housing in Tameside perhaps he was right 1st time.

The major incident of the evening occured when ROY ABBEY (Tory) an ex-environmental Health Officer felt the urge to slam down his minutes and proceed to storm out of the meeting after being questioned about his brain capacity. However the best was to come, as just before he reached the exit RAY SLAMMON made some comment which ROY aggressively invited RED RAY to repeat outside the chamber! RAY, obviously not expecting such a violent reaction, declined. How comforting it is to feel that important decisions about the quality of our lives is made by such well balanced and rational people.

It was interesting to hear COLIN GRANTHAMs attitude to participation and consultation with our Trade Union fraternity. Don't bother asking for their agreement about these matters was his view. Just tell them after you have decided. After all, it was only a policy concerning leaving posts vacant and voluntary redundancies in an effort to save money. Is this not the same attitude taken by Mrs. Thatcher which is leading to disasterous labour relations between Government and Unions ?
ROY OLDHAMs comments that this might be the last time that the Labour group were prepared to make cuts on behalf of the Tory Govt. reinforced the feeling that opposition is growing in this quarter.
Readers might also be interested to hear that ROY is hoping to take an all party delegation to meet SIR SHEATH JOSEPH in an attempt to get Tameside designated an "inner city area".

COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES
We want to correct a false impression given by last month's article on Councillors' expenses. The list headed "No. of meetings attended" should have read, "No. of meetings claimed for." In some cases councillors attended more meetings, for which they did not claim.
The law is punishing councillors such as GEORGE NEWTON who is on the dole, and Ann Booth who is on Social Security by making it pointless for them to claim expenses. If they claim, the sum is knocked off their weekly benefit.

HARTLE From

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DEREK HARTLE SERVICES LTD; KATHLEEN WOOD who is a director of the ASHTON STAMFORD, a south Tameside J.P. and daughter of RUPERT WOOD the man who witnessed the establishment of HARTLEs first company 20 years previously.
The bankrupting of DEREK HARTLE was full of ironies. HARTLE is an arch-Tory but his second biggest creditor was the Socialist NATIONAL ENTERPRISE BOARD.
HARTLE was an asset stripper and a take-over merchant, but as company after company went into liquidation he was happy to allow one of his biggest firms to be taken over by a rival company.
HARTLE the asset stripper with debts of over £2m. had been asset stripped.
And the only question that remains now is where a bankrupt millionaire gets the money to live at MOTTRAM HALL in the style to which success accustomed him.

BUT THATS ANOTHER STORY.

OH! MR. REXSTRAW!

HOW A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN LET DOWN HIS CLIENTS, SOLD HIS WORTHLESS COMPANY AND THEN VANISHED.....

CONTINUING AN INVESTIGATION WE BEGAN IN EYE 16

On 8 April 1980 DEREK HARROP walked into the Stalybridge offices of STALEY INSURANCE BROKERS intending to renew the premium on his house insurance. STALEY - the company set up by PETER REXTRAW and his wife BERYL in 1974 - accepted Mr HARROPS cheque for £33 but did not give him a receipt.

In August Mr HARROP paid STALEY another cheque - this time it was £70.93 - for the renewal of his car insurance.

Ten days later Mr HARROP picked up a copy of THE REPORTER and learnt that STALEY INSURANCE BROKERS was being liquidated by its new owners WALTER HENSHAWS LTD.

He rung STALEY up immediately.

A 'Receivers' manager told him that his house, and his car were quite definately NOT insured. But as Mr HARROP learnt later, the cheques he had paid over to STALEY for that insurance had been cashed and were in the accounts of the official receiver.

Mr HARROP wrote to NORWICH INSURANCE, the company REXSTRAW had supposedly insured his house with. They wrote back informing Mr HARROP that REXSTRAWS company had returned all his insurance papers in early April with instructions to 'lapse' the policy. REXSTRAW's Company had taken Mr. HARROP's renewal money and then instructed the Insurance Co. NOT to renew the policy.

Word of something funny about REXSTRAW's operation appeared to be out well before the HENSHAW takeover. In May 1980 two REXSTRAW employees - JOHN THORNBURN and BARRY FLINDERS - left him. FLINDERS now works for PHILIP DAWSON's Insurance Co. In June the COMPANY REGISTRATION OFFICE threatened to dissolve REXSTRAW's company under the 1948 Companies Act, Section 353 (3), which relates to disclosure of information by Limited Companies.

The next month the capital of STALEY INSURANCE BROKERS was increased by a nominal £100, BERYL REXSTRAW resigned, and three new Directors were appointed. They - COSMO GORDON WHITELEY, GEOFFREY HARRY SHAW, DAVID DARWIN - were all Directors of WALTER HENSHAWs who bought up REXSTRAW for a reported £30,000.

But REXSTRAW seems to have treated HENSHAWs the same way he treated his clients. When they liquidated the Company they had just paid over £30,000 for, they announced that "certain" information had been misrepresented to them at the time of the take-over. An Insurance business relies on its professional reputation. By that measure STALEY INSURANCE BROKERS was rapidly becoming worthless. HENSHAWs would now, like many REXSTRAW clients, dearly like to speak to the former owner of the company. Unfortunately he still appears to be difficult to locate.

Mr. JACKSON, a Mossley builder, paid REXSTRAW £240 to insure his building skips. When someone crashed into the back of one of his skips, he discovered they had NOT been insured. The matter is now going through the Courts.

In June 1979, REXSTRAW was handling over £40,000 worth of insurance from local people. Out of this he paid himself a £13,000 salary, whilst his wife got a further £2,000 'pin-money'. Until recently PETER REXSTRAW was a respected local figure. His wife, BERYL, is the niece of the current MAYOR of Tameside - Cllr. GEORGE HATTON - who told EYE it was some time since he had seen her. When the couple were living at 580 Huddersfield Rd., PETER was an active member of the local FREE-MASONS. After he moved his wife and family to a posher house in ANGLESSEY (Address:"Angorfa" S. Pen-Y-Craig, Llanfachraeth. Tel: Ex-Directory) he commuted to his office in STALYBRIDGE. And got himself a reputation for being 'a bit of a playboy' with the ladies at the posh MOTTRAM Rd. squash courts.

Open Your EYE Each Month

EYE now out regularly every month - see Page Two for all the details.

And now..the GOOD news

A lot of the TAMESIDE news you read in the local press is written by the councils own PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT. EYE has been talking to the men who paint the public face of local authority.

Every year you, the ratepayer, fork out over £16,000 to pay the wages of a team of three ex-journalists. Their job is to make sure that Tameside councillors and bureacrats get as good a press as possible.

Tameside's small but highly efficient public relations team operated from a small cluttered office in Ashton Town Hall.

The boss is smooth talking ANDREW ROBINSON, with him when EYE went round was his tubby assistant ex-Reporter man ANDREW WETTERS.

A great part of ROBINSONS working week is spent chatting up local journalists: helping them get information, pointing them in the right directions and putting out press releases which often get printed word for word as ROBINSON wrote them.

REMEMBER the big story about the super-fast builders Tameside council cleverly got down from Scotland to build houses in record speed? That came fresh and steaming off ANDREW's production line.

ROBINSON takes pride in doing his job well but gets sensitive about suggestions that he is paid to whitewash Tameside's grubby linen.

He reckons he works for "the people of Tameside" not the council or officials.

He even recalls the time when he was threatened with the sack by COLIN GRANTHAM's TORY council for putting out a story they didn't like.

But...

"Do you want to know why we are worth our wages to TAMESIDE" asked ROBINSON as our interviewer was leaving .

WHY?

"Because we get stories in the local press for free that would cost the council thousands of pounds as adverts....."

No comment.

ADS

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GLOSSOP AGAINST MISSILES
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RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN
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"THE YULE GHOUL SHOW"
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DEPO PROVERA
For more information write toCampaign Against Depo Provera,c/o ICAR,374,Gray's Inn Road,London WC1
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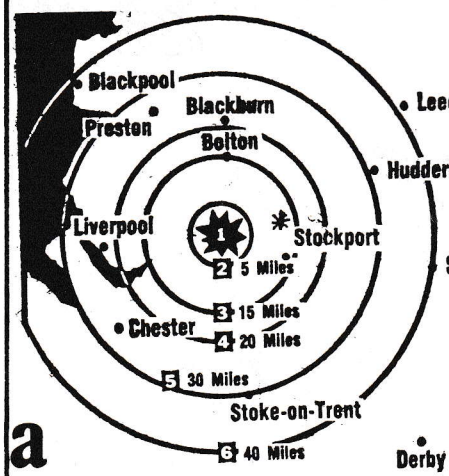

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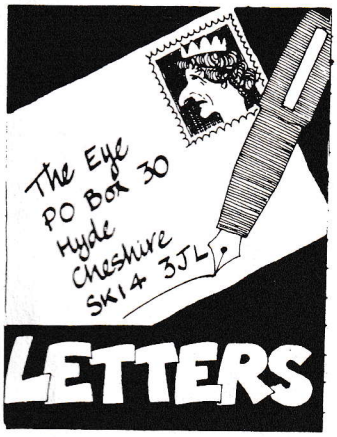


Censored

DEAR EYE,

Over the past few months I have displayed copies of THE EYE on a notice board in my classroom for 5th year pupils to read. They have been only part of a much larger display of information about Tameside.
Towards the middle of Oct. I heard that certain members of the staff objected to EYE being displayed thinking it unsuitable material for a classroom. Nothing, I might add, was said to me by the objectors! I ignored the information thinking it to be a passing phase, but no! I was told yet again that further objections had been voiced in the staff room, but I let the situation ride.
Today the Head told me, on the quiet, to remove the copies of EYE from the noticeboard. When I asked why I was told: "because it names local people". I replied "so does the Reporter", but the Head only laughed and walked away.
Is it just coincidence that the objectors who have said nothing to me are both Freemasons or is it just me being too touchy??
I shall have to comply with the 'request' to remove the 'offending literature' though I will make sure any pupil who wants to read a copy can borrow one off me.

Hoping you will understand why I cannot sign this letter....

A TAMESIDE TEACHER.

Bus-fun!

DEAR EYE

THE IGNORAMUS.
"Grandad"
"Yes my boy"
"Does it cost a lot of money to buy a bus?"
"Yes it does; quite a lot"
"So it must cost a fortune to buy a lot of buses"
"It certainly does lad, ,illions of pounds"
"Who pays for them?"
"I do, and all the other people in the town, they belong to us"
Pause....
"Well, then grandad if they belong to us why cant we ride on them free?"
"Because the people who drive them have to be paid wages, so we have to pay fares to travel on them"
"And does that pay their wages?"
"We....ll....no"
Longer pause...
"A boy at school said that a million people rode on the buses last year"
"Ah, that was last year only half that many travelled on them this year"
"Then how will they pay the men's wages?"
"Easy lad, they"ll double the fares"
"But if they do that doesnt it mean that less people will be able to afford to ride on them, how will they pay the wages them?"
"They'll double the fares again"
"Who keeps doubling the fares grandad?"
"Oh a great many clever men"
A very long pause.....
"Grandad, we were doing our sums at school today"
"Oh yes"
"When Im a man it will cost me millions of pounds for a bus ride"
"Hows that?"
"Well, Ill be the only passenger... wont I?"
HMMMMMMM.....
"Grandad!"
"Oh,shut up!"

Yours faithfully,
J.Lawton,

61 Downshaw Rd. AUL.

Praise..

Dear Sirs,
I should like to praise your alternative paper "THE EYE" but I should also like to point something out.
I feel that you ought to have more brief articles or small comments. It has for some time been in danger of becoming a 'specialised' paper. It is a little too political at present.

Paco d'Aro (Nom de plume)

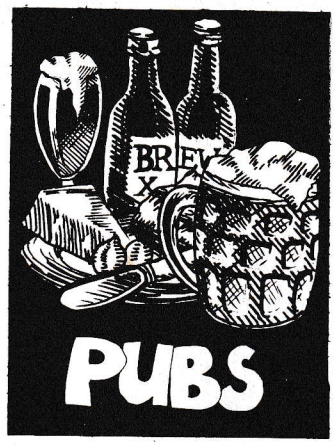
..& blame

DEAR EYE

I refer to the column in your Nov. issue headed "EYE SPIES SKINNER". I want to tell you that I consider Frank Skinner an asset to voluntary community services in general and I am particularly pleased to have his assistance on the Committee of the Tameside Blind Assoc. Incidentally, will you in future issues be sincere enough to publish the name of your writers when making comments on individuals. I am sure that if you did it would greatly enhance the value of your publication.
Yours sincerely,

HERBERT DAVIES
113 PRINCESS STREET AUL

PLEASE SEND US YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS, EVEN IF YOU WISH YOUR LETTER TO BE PUBLISHED UNDER A PEN-NAME.



This month we focus on two ASHTON pubs with a difference.....

Yates

What other pub will sell you a glass of Australian white wine, a can of pilchards, a pound of flour, a plate of hot soup and let you go on drinking (legally) into the afternoon when everyone else has shut up? THE YATES on STAMFORD ST. ASHTON is one of the oldest wine Lodges.
It still has that bare boards and spacey feeling and its thick, cheap,sweet wines still attract the towns REAL hard drinkers. Old ladies with empty shoping bags and luminous red noses, old men who'll do a dance with a pint pot balanced on their nose as soon as look at you.
We sampled an ALL-IN (wine lemon and something else) a MEDIUM DRY WHITE. The ALL-IN was O.K. but not up to the standard of the YATES on OLDHAM ST. M/CR. The medium dry turned out to be very sweet. The beer was OLDHAMS, which is to say drinkable but nothing special. The food was cheap A steaming hot bowl of vegetable soup for 20p. and hamburger with onions for 30p.
We don't recommend the hamburger.
There was a crack in my wine glass and next to no heating on a freezing Sat. But you could stare at the stained glass windows as your nose turned blue and warm yourself up with a turn or two round the sizeable pool table. And if everything else fails try the excellent JUKE BOX.

The Station

Tucked away behind Woolworths the STATION is a town centre pub with the atmosphere of the suburbs. All dark wood panels and tasteful railway prints.
If you go there at midweek lunchtime you can watch the town hall bureaucrats expanding their flexi-time in swish suits. The pub grub is certainly very good (though not cheap) but the main reason for going to the STATION is the beer. Its a BODDINGTON free house and as well as a pint of Strangeways you can get MARSTONS PEDIGREE at 47p. and BURTONS bitter at 45p. A bit expensive, but very nice.
A pub to go in on pay day!

DRIVEL

Hallo Readers!

1 P.M. HONOLULU

Well I never! Deary, deary me! What a terrible time I've had since last issue's innocent little bit of gossip about that super-delightful wonderful human being JOHN BELL, the rotund Tory Councillor from Hyde. First there was this letter-bomb from the YUL BRYNNER APPRECIATION LEAGUE. Then as I was sitting quietly at home listening to my next door neighbours bed-time conversation through a TEX-ACO free offer wine glass: in through the kitchen window come a dozen men in black balaclavas armed to the teeth with razor-sharp hair-pieces and vicious looking pinking shears. It was a swat-squad from the Wig Wearers Liberation Front.

Well! Before you could say TELLY SAVALAS I was out of the window onto my trusty Raleigh 3-speed, and peddling like mad for RINGWAY AIRPORT where a specially prepared DC10 awaited me. And now here I am in HONOLULU with the Hawaian surf whispering pacific rumours in my ear, the palm trees huddling together conspiratorially and a unisex hairdresser from ASHTON in a gold lamé jump-suit flapping my lugs with tales of goings-on in his Gas-street solarium. This, and more... next issue.

Wretch

ADS

EYE IS EXPANDING

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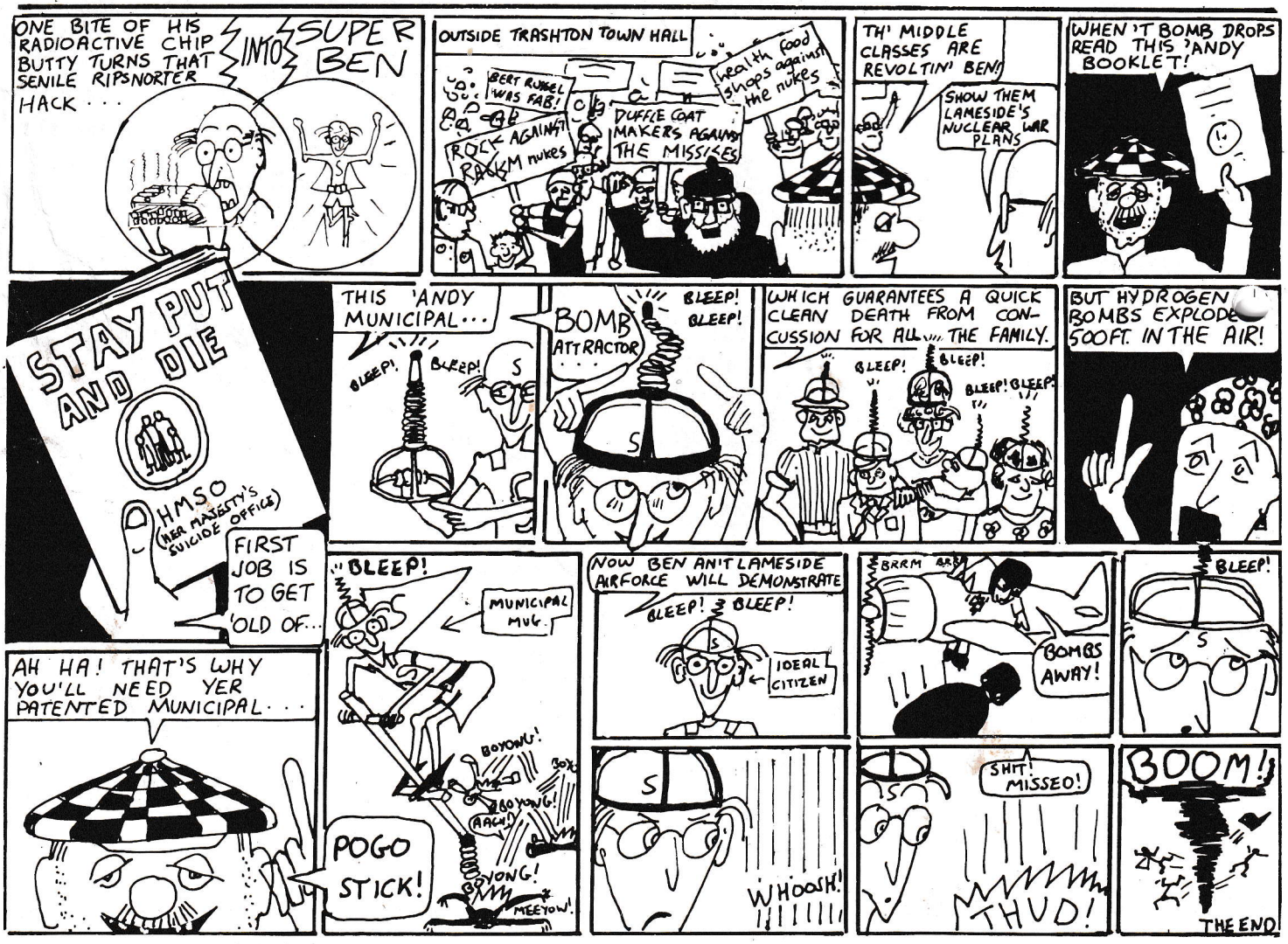
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INTO
SUPER BEN
OUTSIDE TRASHTON TOWN HALL
BERT RUSSEL WUZ FAB!
ROCK AGAINST RACISM NUKES
DUFFLE COAT MAKERS AGAINST THE MISSILES
health food shops against the nukes
TH' MIDDLE CLASSES ARE REVOLTIN' BEN!
SHOW THEM LAMESIDE'S NUCLEAR WAR PLANS
WHEN 'T BOMB DROPS READ THIS 'ANDY BOOKLET!
STAY PUT AND DIE
HMSO (HER MAJESTY'S SUICIDE OFFICE)
FIRST JOB IS TO GET 'OLD OF...
THIS 'ANDY MUNICIPAL...
BLEEP!
BOMB ATTRACTOR
WHICH GUARANTEES A QUICK CLEAN DEATH FROM CONCUSSION FOR ALL THE FAMILY.
BUT HYDROGEN BOMBS EXPLODE 500FT. IN THE AIR!
AH HA! THAT'S WHY YOU'LL NEED YER PATENTED MUNICIPAL · · ·
MUNICIPAL MUG
POGO STICK!
BOYONG!
AACH!
MEEYOW!
NOW BEN AN'T LAMESIDE AIRFORCE WILL DEMONSTRATE
IDEAL CITIZEN
BRRM
BOMBS AWAY!
WHOOSH!
SHIT! MISSED!
THUD!
BOOM!
THE END